

14. A method of, at a client device, forming a media presentation from multiple related files, including a control information file, stored on one or more server computers within a computer network, the method comprising:

downloading the control information file to the client device;

the client device parsing the control information file; and

based on parsing of the control information file, the client device:

retrieving a first file and using contents of the first file to begin a media presentation;

concurrent with the media presentation, retrieving a next file; and

using content of the next file to continue the media presentation.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the control information file is an XML file.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation, further comprising selecting and retrieving one of the multiple alternative files.

17. A method of storing media presentation information within a computer network including multiple server computers, the method comprising:

storing on a server computer a control information file of a format to be parsed by a client device; and

storing on one or more server computers multiple related files accessible by the client device to, based on parsing of the control information file, form a media presentation from the multiple related files.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the control information file is an XML file.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation.

20. A client device for forming a media presentation from multiple related files stored on server computers within a computer network, comprising:

means for downloading files to the client device;

means for parsing a control information file; and

means for, based on parsing of the control information file:

retrieving a first file and using contents of the first file to begin a media presentation;

concurrent with the media presentation, retrieving a next file; and

using content of the next file to continue the media presentation.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the control information file is an XML file.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation, the means for retrieving comprising means for selecting and retrieving one of the multiple alternative files.

Please amend claims 2-6, 12 and 13 as follows:

2. The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein ~~the partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files~~ of media presentation information between the multiple related files is determined by information about the client.
3. The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein ~~the partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files~~ of media presentation information between the multiple related files is determined by information about the computer network.
4. The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the ~~file~~ media presentation comprises an audio presentation file.
5. The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the ~~file~~ media presentation comprises a video presentation file.
6. The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein ~~the partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files comprises adding respective~~ of media presentation information between the multiple related files comprises adding respective is described within the control information file using tags corresponding to respective ones of the segments files.
12. The device of claim ~~11~~ 18, wherein:
 - ~~the content information is accessible through control information provided to the device; and~~
 - the device ~~is capable of interpreting~~ interprets the control information to retrieve the ~~segments~~ multiple files from the ~~server computer network~~ for sequential play-out.

I CLAIM:

-
- 5 2. The method of claim 14, wherein partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files is determined by information about the client.
3. The method of claim 14, wherein partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files is determined by information about the computer network.
- 10 4. The method of claim 14, wherein the media presentation comprises an audio presentation.
5. The method of claim 14, wherein the media presentation comprises a video presentation.
- 15 6. The method of claim 14, wherein partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files is described within the control information file using tags corresponding to respective files.
12. The device of claim 18, wherein:
- 20 - the device interprets the control information to retrieve multiple files from the computer network for sequential play-out.
13. The device of claim 12, wherein:
- 25 - the means for parsing comprises an XML parser; and
- the means for retrieving and using comprises an XML interpreter.
-

14. A method of, at a client device, forming a media presentation from multiple related files, including a control information file, stored on one or more server computers within a computer network, the method comprising:

downloading the control information file to the client device;

the client device parsing the control information file; and

based on parsing of the control information file, the client device:

retrieving a first file and using contents of the first file to begin a media presentation;

concurrent with the media presentation, retrieving a next file; and

using content of the next file to continue the media presentation.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the control information file is an XML file.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation, further comprising selecting and retrieving one of the multiple alternative files.

17. A method of storing media presentation information within a computer network including multiple server computers, the method comprising:

storing on a server computer a control information file of a format to be parsed by a client device; and

storing on one or more server computers multiple related files accessible by the client device to, based on parsing of the control information file, form a media presentation from the multiple related files.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the control information file is an XML file.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation.
20. A client device for forming a media presentation from multiple related files stored on server computers within a computer network, comprising:
 - means for downloading files to the client device;
 - means for parsing a control information file; and
 - means for, based on parsing of the control information file:
 - retrieving a first file and using contents of the first file to begin a media presentation;
 - concurrent with the media presentation, retrieving a next file; and
 - using content of the next file to continue the media presentation.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein the control information file is an XML file.
22. The method of claim 21, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation, the means for retrieving comprising means for selecting and retrieving one of the multiple alternative files.